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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
TSANG et al.) Art Unit: 1641
Application No. 09/857,539) Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen
Filing Date: June 6, 2001) Confirmation No. 6357
For: REAGENT AND METHOD FOR DETECTING A CRYPTOSPORIDIUM PARVUM SPOROZOITE ANTIGEN)))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the remarks, arguments, and preliminary claim amendments offered below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.